

BIRMINGHAM

The Magic City

SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
37TH ANNUAL MEETING



April 26 - 28, 2019
Friday & Saturday with optional Sunday tour

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Welcome to Birmingham, Alabama, the New South city of gardens, parks, fine art, superb views, sports, world-famous fine cuisine and vibrant craft breweries. Visit the websites InBirmingham.com and WelcomeToMountainBrook.com for more information.



Founded in 1871 on the promise of riches to be made from iron and coal deposits, Birmingham dreamed big and planned big from the start. Our city's history is a story of talents and nerves of steel, set to make monuments on a mountain of red ore.



ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Rooms are reserved at Embassy Suites Hotel, 2300 Woodcrest Place in Birmingham. Call (205) 879-7400 or (800) 362-2779 by **March 26, 2019** and mention SGHS Annual Meeting. The room rate is \$189 per night plus tax. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and free parking. It is located less than five minutes from the site for all lectures, Birmingham Botanical Gardens (BBG), which also has



free parking. Transportation from the hotel to BBG will be available starting at 9:00 am. Registration will be Friday at BBG from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. **Lunch is on your own.** Charming Mountain Brook Village is an easy walk from BBG. English Village is a short drive uphill from BBG and the outstanding Birmingham Zoo.

CONTACT

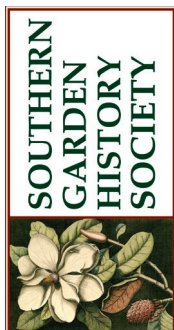
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Cancellations made by March 26 will be eligible for a full refund. Refunds for cancellations after March 26 will be determined by available funds after all conference expenses have been paid.



PO Box 15752 Winston-Salem, NC 27113

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

The Annual Meeting convenes at 12:30 pm at BBG. David Fleming, President and CEO of REV Birmingham, will set forth the city’s early history. Libba Vaughan, Executive Director of Leadership Birmingham, will lead a panel in discussing recent ‘green’ trends. Landscape architect Joel Eliason will highlight the interesting history of Vulcan.



Next we will board small buses for a tour of downtown and Redmont, with stops at a vintage cottage garden and a hilltop estate recently rescued from choking kudzu. After a stop at the hotel, we will go to dinner at Vulcan Park.



SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Following an optional early morning trip to award-winning Pepper Place Market, we will reconvene at BBG, where historian Marjorie White will speak in detail on “Birmingham: Industrial City Beautiful.”



BBG Archivist Jason Kirby will present a history of our ‘largest outdoor museum’ and BBG Executive Director Tom Underwood, Landscape Architect Molly Hendry and BBG Education Director Brooke McMinn will discuss “The Continuum of Garden Stewardship.”



Following curated tours of BBG and a box lunch to delight all foodies, we will tour four magnificent private gardens in old Mountain Brook and Forest Park, return to the hotel briefly and then enjoy a progressive dinner at two exquisite private Redmont residences overlooking the city.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

*Optional Tour * Limit 120*
We will tour an exquisite small garden near English Village, then ride to old Harpersville, where rich farmland supplies Birmingham’s great restaurants. Stone Hollow Farmstead is the enchanting domain of Deborah Stone. Next we will enjoy lunch with popular Chef George McMillan, served in the pasture of Chancellor Farm, historic home and gardens of SGHS members Barbara and Sonny Adkins. The Adkins’ Black Sheep Antiques will host our lunch. Traveling back to Birmingham, we will tour two enchanting gardens in Abingdon, one featuring a remarkable collection of old camellias. We will return to the hotel by 4:00 p.m.

OTHER THINGS TO DO
On Thursday evening, April 25, the Birmingham Museum of Art will host renowned author, landscape historian and SGHS member Judith Tankard for a lecture on the Garden Artists of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the early 1900s. She will explore the role these gardens played in the visual arts, including examples from BMA's own collection. Tickets for the reception, lecture and booksigning are available at events@artsbma.org.



Be sure to allow a day to take in the revered Civil Rights District, Birmingham Museum of Art, Sloss Furnace, Arlington Antebellum Home and Aldridge Gardens.
NASCAR races Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Talladega will jam interstate traffic for days.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to 175 Southern Garden History Society members on a first-come, first-served basis by mail only.
The registration fee of \$425 includes Friday afternoon and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner; lectures, program booklet, transportation, tours, snacks and beverages.
An additional fee of \$100 is required for Sunday’s optional tour and catered lunch.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For Vegetarian Meals, check here: ☐

For Special Assistance, check here: ☐

Please print the Name & Affiliation or City you would like on your name tag:
(Name) (Affiliation/City)

REMITTANCE REGISTRATION (\$425 PER PERSON) \$ _____

OPTIONAL SUNDAY TOUR (\$100 PER PERSON) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment is by check only.
Make check payable to Souhern Garden History Society
Mail Registration & Payment to:
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